Gay and Lesbian

VOTE '99

a profile of candidates' positions on issues affecting gay men and lesbians

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Information

Primary

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, May 18th

PA-GALA

Pennsylvania Gay and LesbianAlliance
for political action

VOTER INFORMATION

The Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Political Action (PA-GALA) is a voter education and grassroots lobbying organization. PA-GALA is committed to electing candidates who support equality for gay men and lesbians and who support the fight against AIDS. PA-GALA supports passage of legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity at the federal, state and local levels of government.

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

PA-GALA endorses the candidate who will be the best advocate for the gay and lesbian community in the district. Endorsed candidates are identified by:

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In some cases a Democrat and a Republican have been endorsed because voters may only vote within their party in a Primary. Please note that for this Primary Election some races have not been covered because they are uncontested.

INFORMATION SOURCES

PA-GALA obtains information on candidates from various sources. The primary sources are our candidate questionnaires which are mailed to candidates running in the area covered by this guide and the candidate's record if he or she has held office prior to this election. We also obtain information from the mass media, meetings with candidates, Project Vote Smart, and candidate forums. Other civil rights organizations have also supplied PA-GALA with information on candidates including: The Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force and the Pennsylvania Civil Rights Initiative, the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition, the Liberty City Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, the Log Cabin Republican Club, and the Center for Lesbian and Gay Law and Public Policy.

Due to the nature and complexities of data collection, PA-GALA cannot be held responsible for errors or inaccuracies in this booklet.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The most important thing you can do to make your voice heard is become a "super voter" by voting in every election. As a "super voter" candidates will seek you out to solicit your vote, allowing you a chance to tell them your views.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

✔John M. Morganelli D Endorsed by PA-GALA

★ Would support passage of hate crimes bills and hate crimes statistics bills.

★ "Government should do what it can to discourage those who may be inclined to advance criminal acts of violence against others based on race, sexual orientation, etc."

NAME	ANTI-VIOLENCE	EQUALITY
✔Morganelli	★	★

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CONTROLLER

No Data; Steven B. Molder D, John T. Schimmel R

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE

No Data: Gregory A. Zebrowski D, Brian Prest R

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Ann McHale D

⬇ Refused to answer questions on questionnaire. Stated in letter, "My reason for responding in this manner is that I feel that being a lesbian or gay person is a matter of an individual's own choice and a very private matter."

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	FUNDING	AIDS
McHale	⬇	0	0	0

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
Cornish	0	0	0	0	0

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Margaret Williams R/D

➤ Rather than answering the questionnaire made several broad statements that indicated a neutral response.

No Data: Rosie Amato R/D, Joe Craig R/D, Tony A. Dimenichi R/D, Ed Gallagher R/D, Loretta Leeson R/D

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
Williams	➤	➤	➤	➤	➤

EASTON MAYOR

No Data: Pat Vulcano Jr. D, Thomas F. Goldsmith R

EASTON CITY TREASURER

David E. Fleck D

★ "I would like to let all voters know that I am sensitive to the needs of all citizens. I will exclude no person who is qualified from working for me."

No Data: John R. McGraw R

NAME	EQUALITY
Fleck	★

EASTON AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR

✔Charles M. Otrano R/D Endorsed by PA-GALA

★ Would support a policy prohibiting discrimination against school employees based on sexual orientation.

★ "Gay and lesbian residents should be treated with the same respect and allowed to exercise the same rights as any other resident of the district."

Richard R. Siegfried R/D

⬇ Would not fully commit to support a policy prohibiting discrimination against school employees based on sexual orientation.

⬇ "We should all exercise tolerance toward one another, and acceptance to each other and their views as long as they stay with you and are not pushed onto me."

No Data: Russell Saylor Jr. R/D, Dominic Albanese R/D, Roy Cortez R/D, James A. Spangola R/D, Chris Dammann R, Ronald D. Schlegel R/D, Sandra P. Vulcano R/D, Alan W. Childs R/D, Michael R. Doyle R/D

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
✔Otrano	★	★	★	★	★
Siegfried	⬇	➢	➢	➢	➢

BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR 4 YEAR TERM

Barbara Shoemaker R

➢ Answered "possible" to: Would you support a policy prohibiting discrimination against school employees based on sexual orientation?

No Data: Michael A. Baird R/D, Joseph J. Boyle R/D, Charles J. Carcione R/D, Charlie Cole R/D, Pamela Barr Colton R/D, John Cory R/D, Robert F. Ehrlich R/D, Isabelle T. Miller R/D, Olav E. Sandnes R/D

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
Shoemaker	➢	➢	➢	➢	★

BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR 2 YEAR TERM

No Data: Ronald Angle R/D, Olav E. Sandnes R/D, Geraldine P. Sweeney R/D

NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Veronica Simpson R/D

★ Would support a policy prohibiting discrimination against school employees based on sexual orientation.

➢ Wrote conflicting answers on several questions.

No Data: Donna Veto Hirst R/D, Donald A. Keller R/D,Thomas K. Maher R/D, Robert A. Pruznick R/D, Linda Gere Stubits R/D, Ernest J. Hahn R/D, John B. Lavdar R/D

NAME	EQUALITY	SUPPORT	CURRICULUM	AIDS ED	SEXUALITY ED
Simpson	★	➢	➢	➢	➢

NORTHAMPTON AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR

No Data; Linda Jean Blencowe R/D, Alfred C. Miles Jr. R/D, George A. Moyer R/D, D. Michael Penglass Sr. R/D, David K. Rank R/D, David B. Shulman R/D, Karen M. Tempovich R/D, George A. Angello, Jr. R/D, Pamela R. Yost R/D, Allen Collins R/D, Jane F. Erdo R/D, Carol S. Ritter R/D, Richard Ritz R/D

No Data: Dennis M. O'Connell D, J. Michael Dowd R

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

No Data: Michael Corriere D, Dan Evancho R

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Nick Sabatine R

➤ Did not answer this election's questionnaire. Information taken from other sources and previous questionnairs.

★ As a candidate for U.S. Congress indicated he would support ENDA.

No Data: Charles M. Dertringer D, Ron Angle R, Nick Sabatine R

BETHLEHEM CITY TREASURER

✔Kaija Siftar D Endorsed by PA-GALA

★ "I know no difference between heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual citizens; they're simply citizens."

NAME	EQUALITY
✔Siftar	★

BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL

John B. Cornish R

⬇ Would not commit to support an anti-discrimination ordinance.

⬇ "I have not formed an opinion on the unanswered questions of this questionnaire!"

No Data: Robert J. Donchez D, James S. Gregory D, Magdalena F. Szabo D, Robert Scott Glenn R, Jim Whittaker R

EASTON CITY CONTROLLER

Donald Edw. Bloomfield D

★ "I will support you in any way."

No Data: Robert Wilever R

NAME	EQUALITY
Bloomfield	★

EASTON CITY COUNCIL

Tim Pickel D

★ Would agree to support an anti-discrimination ordinance which includes sexual orientation.

Sandra Paul R

⬇ Refused to answer questionnaire, but returned a long statement which included: "Would I introduce or cosponsor an amendment to the city's Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation? No, I would not. Not because I hold a bias, but because we've already concluded that special interest legislation often fails to serve its goal and, instead, divides even more."

No Data: Rolland N. Paulus Jr. R, Brooks Betts R, Burns Bamford D, Daniel G. Corpora D

NAME	EQUALITY	BENEFITS	ANTI-VIOLENCE	FUNDING	AIDS
Pickel	★	★	★	➤	★
Paul	⬇	0	0	0	0

✔ Endorsed; ★★ excellent; ★ good; ➤ neutral; ⬇ poor; ⬇⬇ unacceptable; 0 no basis; ✗ RADICAL RIGHT

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